Dropping the Liquid Fuel-Based Power Units

2165. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the new item caption "Government propose to drop some liquid fuel based power units" which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 8th November, 1996;

(b) if so, the details of power projects which are proposed to be dropped, out of about 109 proposals for which the MoUs have been signed; and

(c) the details of power projects shelved in Gujarat under this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Government of India's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government to drop some liquid fuel-based power units" appeared in 'The Economic Times', New Delhi dated Novemebr 8, 1996.

(b) No decision has been taken to shelve any of the projects based on liquid fules.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Pending Bills of Private Power Producers with the NTPC

2166. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of pending bills of the private power producers (independent power producers) with the National Thermal Power Corporation at present and the reasons for pendency of those bills; and

(b) whether the NTPC has urged Government to liquidate their dues from the State Electricity Boards and if so, the details of action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is neither supplying power to or bying power from any Independent Power Producers. Therefore, the question of any pending bills with NTPC does not arise.

(b) NTPC had approached the Government to recover its dues from the State Electricity Boards (SEBs). The Government has recently decided to effect greater recovery of dues of Central Power Sector Utilities from SEBs by further appropriation from its Plan Assistance to the respective States.

Laying down of arms by militant groups in Jammu and Kashmr

2167. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of militant groups operating in Jammu and Kashmir had laid down arms, to participate in the recent elections to the State's Legislative Assembly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating their names including those of their leaders, who surrendered arms, the militant outfits and their candidates who participated in elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) It is a fact that a large number of persons, who had earlier been involved in militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, have given up this path and surrendered before the authorities. After the announcement

of a policy for surrender of militants by the State Government in August 1995, around 1100 persons have surrendered along with substantial quantities of arms and ammunition, etc. Some such persons have also formed political groups which had also participated in the recent Assembly Elections.

According to information made available by the State Government, the former militant group jkhwan-ul-Musalmoon, headed by Mohd. Yousuf Parray, had fielded 39 candidates for the Assembly Elections under the banner of the Awami League. Of these, Mohd. Yousuf Parray won from the sonawari Constituency in Baramulla district.

विद्युत प्रभार ढांचे में परिवर्तन करने के संबंध में राज्यों को केन्द्रीय निर्देश

2168. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 6 नवम्बर, 1996 के दैनिक "द हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में "सेण्टर फर्म ऑन पॉवर टैरिफ रिवीजन" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने राज्य बिजली बोर्डों से अपने-अपने राज्यों, विशेषकर कृषि क्षेत्र में, विद्युत प्रभारों में परिवर्तन करने का आग्रह किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एस० वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) विद्युत संबंधी मुख्यमंत्रियों का सम्मेलन 16 अक्तूबर, 1996 और 3 दिसम्बर, 1996 को आयोजित किया गया ताकि विद्युत क्षेत्र के महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दों पर विचार किया जा सके और क्षेत्र में सुधार लाने के लिए एक कार्य योजना तैयार की जा सके जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ क्षेत्र के सुधार, यूटिलिटियों का कार्य-निष्पादन, टैरिफ यौक्तिकरण इत्यादि शामिल हैं। कार्य-योजना को मुख्य मंत्रियों/ऊर्जा मंत्रियों के विभिन्न सुझावों के आधार पर अंतिम रूप दिए जाने की आवश्यकता है।

Kayamkulam Power Project

2169. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 624 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1996 and state the target of completion the cost of production per unit and the total expenditure estimated for the Kayamkulam combined cycle power project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Power Project (400 MW) in Kerala being implemented by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) comprises two gas turbine units and one steam turbine unit. The gas turbine units are scheduled to be commissioned by March, 1999 and May, 1999 respectively, while the steam turbine unit by March, 2000. The project was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 1310.58 crores at III quarter, 1994 price level and the cost of generation works out to 261.21 paise per unit at 6000 hours of operation per annum.

Funds to Andhra Pradesh under JRY

2170. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 8484 works were undertaken in Andhra Pradesh under the intensified JRY, during 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) whether the total commitment for completing all the ongoing works was Rs. 102.90 crores, but the allocation under the programme for 1995-96 was only Rs. 17.40 crores and the State needed 85.00 crores to complete the ongoing works;

(c) whether due to non-availability of